

# E. O. SMITH HIGH SCHOOL

What to Expect in Grade 9

# Where Will You Be in Grade 9?

- ▣ E.O. Smith High School
  - Ag Ed at E.O. Smith
- ▣ Windham Tech
- ▣ ACT Performing Arts School
- ▣ Private or Parochial Schools
  - See your counselor
  - Application dates vary

# Registration Process

- ▣ February- Teacher recommendations are due
- ▣ February - Parent Orientation Evening
- ▣ March- High School counselors present on how to register
- ▣ May- Peer Natural Helpers lead discussions and answer questions



# Grade 9 Courses

## ▣ Levels:

- A Level- This is the most challenging level of study. Students enrolled in these courses are generally high skilled and motivated students with strong critical thinking skills and an orientation toward independent work.
- B Level- This is a college prep level of study. Students enrolled in these courses will cover a body of knowledge that will adequately prepare them for college. There is an emphasis on skill development.

# Courses You MUST Take:

- ▣ English
- ▣ Math
- ▣ Social Studies
- ▣ Science
- ▣ Physical Education

# In addition to these classes you can opt for electives, some options for those are:

- ▣ World Language
  - ▣ Fine Arts
  - ▣ Music
  - ▣ Technology Education
  - ▣ Business
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- ▣ What are some of your interests and what electives might you want to take?

# What is a credit?

- ▣ Credit= A point earned for passing a course
  - One full year course= 1 credit (except PE)
  - One half year course=  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit
  - Study Hall= 0 credits
  - Credits needed to graduate= 23

# Required Courses Credit Distribution

▣ English	4 Credits
▣ Math	4 Credits
▣ Social Studies	3 Credits
▣ Biology	1 Credit
▣ Elective Science	2 Credits
▣ PE	1.5 Credits
▣ Computer Literacy	.5 Credits
▣ Health	.5 Credits
▣ Vocational Ed or Fine Arts	1 Credit
▣ Electives	5.5 Credits

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23 Credits



# Example 1:

- ▣ A student, Ed Sheeran, takes the following classes in grade 9 and passes all of them with a grade of 60 or better.
- ▣ English 9A
- ▣ Geometry A
- ▣ Politics B
- ▣ Geography B
- ▣ IPS B
- ▣ Physical Education
- ▣ French 1 B
- ▣ Health
- ▣ Chorus



This student earned \_\_\_\_\_ credits

## Example 2:

- ▣ A student, Justin Bieber, takes the following classes in grade 9 and passes all classes with a 60 or better EXCEPT English which he failed for the year.
- ▣ English 9B
- ▣ Politics B
- ▣ Geography A
- ▣ IPS B
- ▣ Physical Education
- ▣ Algebra 1 A
- ▣ Spanish 2 B
- ▣ Health
- ▣ Band

This student earned \_\_\_\_\_ credits

# College Admission Requirements- UCONN

- ▣ English 4 Credits
- ▣ Math 3 Credits (Algebra I, II and Geometry)
- ▣ Social Studies 2 Credits (one MUST be US History)
- ▣ Foreign Language 2 Credits (single language, 3 years strongly recommended)
- ▣ Science 2 Credits of Laboratory Science
- ▣ Electives 3 Credits
- ▣ School of engineering and nursing applicants: high school chemistry and physics are required.

# Be a Well Rounded Student!!!

- ▣ Be sure to visit [www.eosmith.org](http://www.eosmith.org) for information about the various academic, athletic, and extracurricular opportunities available to you!
- ▣ AIM HIGH AND GET INVOLVED!!!!!!